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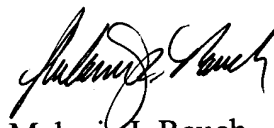
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German Patent Reference 697 04 076 was cited in the first examination report by the German Patent and Trademark Office for the corresponding German Patent Application. Applicants do not have an English translation of this reference, but are enclosing a copy of U.S. Patent No. 6,131,614, which claims priority to the same PCT patent application.

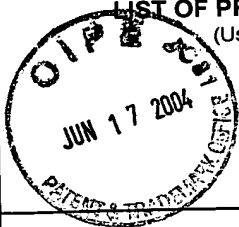
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